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1. SUMMARY: TUN HAZAKI'S NATIONAL FRONT EXPERIENCED IMPRESSIVE VICTORY IN AUG 24 NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA AND SABAH WITH ONLY ONE OPPOSITION PARTY, DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY (DAP), WINNING ANY SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SEATS AND TWO PARTIES, SOCIAL JUSTICE (PEKEMAS) AND PEOPLES' SOCIALIST (PSRM) SUFFERING VIRTUALLY TOTAL LOSSES. RESULTS FROM SABAH WILL NOT BE KNOWN FOR AT LEAST A WEEK BUT ARE NOT EXPECTED TO SUBSTANTIALLY ALTER ABOVE. ELECTION DAY WAS COMPLETELY PEACEFUL WITH NO REPORTED INCIDENTS

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AFFECTING PUBLIC ORDER. END SUMMARY.

2. IN BALLOTING AUG 24, PRIME MINISTER RAZAK'S NATIONAL FRONT (NF) SHOWED CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT FEDERAL TERRITORY AND PERAK. ALL LEADING NF FIGURES RETURNED HANDILY EXCEPT S.P. SEENIVASAGAM, LEADER OF PEOPLES PROGRESSIVE PARTY, WHO WAS DEFEATED BY DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY (DAP) IN SUBURBAN IPOH CONSTITUENCY. STRONGEST OPPOSITION SHOWING WAS IN PERAK WHERE DAP OBTAINED 11 OUT OF 42 STATE SEATS. IN PENANG, NATIONAL FRONT LED BY CHIEF MINISTER DR. LIM CHONG EU OF GERAKAN PARTY UNEXPECTEDLY POLLED WELL AGAINST OPPOSITION TO RETAIN STRONG CONTROL OF STATE. SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTY (PEKEMAS) LOST ALL BUT FEDERAL SEAT OF ITS CHAIRMAN, DR. TAN CHEE KOON, AND ONE PENANG STATE SEAT. NATIONAL FRONT CANDIDATES RECEIVED AT LEAST 59.1 PERCENT OF POPULAR VOTE IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA. DAP, WITH 20.6 PERCENT OF POPULAR VOTE, LOST GROUND BUT REMAINED AS ONLY OPPOSITION PARTY WORTHY OF THE NAME WITH 9 FEDERAL (SAME AS IN LAST PARLIAMENT) AND 23 STATE SEATS. VOTING IN SARAWAK WILL CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER WEEK BUT MAJOR NATIONAL FRONT LEADERS HAVE BEEN REELECTED IN URBAN CONSTITUENCIES, EXCEPT DATUK STEPHEN YONG, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER, WHO LOST STATE SEAT BUT RETAINED FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY.

3. NATIONAL FRONT (NF) CANDIDATES POLLED STRONGLY EXCEPT IN PERAK AND FEDERAL TERRITORY. ALL GOM MINISTERS WERE RETURNED EASILY AND OPPOSITION CHALLENGES IN EAST COAST STATES OF KELANTAN AND TRENGGANU DID NOT MATERIALIZE. IN FEDERAL TERRITORY (TRADITIONAL OPPOSITION STRONGHOLD), NF GAINED TWO OUT OF FIVE SEATS AS UMNO CANDIDATE WON IN HEAVILY MALAY AREA AND MIC CANDIDATE WON DAMANSARA SEAT PREVIOUSLY HELD BY DAP. DAP'S LEE LAM THYE DEFEATED PEKEMAS INCUMBENT YEON TECK CHYE AND GERAKAN'S ALEX LEE IN DOWNTOWN K.L. CONSTITUENCY. DAP ALSO PICKED UP SUNGAI RESI CONSTITUENCY IN SOUTHERN AREA OF FEDERAL TERRITORY.

4. IN PERAK, DAP POLLED STRONGLY IN URBAN AREAS, PARTICULARLY IPOH WHERE NF PARTNER PEOPLES PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP) HAS ALL BUT BEEN WIPED OUT. IN SUBURBAN IPOH CONSTITUENCY, LONG-TIME PPP STRONGHOLD, PPP PRESIDENT

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DATUK S.P. SPENIVASAGAM WAS DEFEATED BY DAP'S FAN YEW TENG WHO IS IN MIDST OF RE-TRIAL ON SEDITION CHARGE DATING BACK TO 1969 ELECTIONS. PPP ALSO LOST DOWNTOWN IPOH CONSTITUENCY TO DAP. DAP NETTED 11 OUT OF 42 PERAK STATE ASSEMBLY SEATS, A RESPECTABLE SHOWING BUT ONE THAT ENSURES CONTINUED NF CONTROL OF STATE.

4. TABULATIONS OF ELECTION RETURNS FOR NATIONAL PARLIAMENT AS OF 10:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME AUG. 25 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PARTY	SEATS WON	SEATS CONTESTED	SEATS IN LAST PARL.
NATIONAL FRONT	121	154	119
UMNO	61	81	62
MCA	20	23	15
PMYP	14	14	10
MIC	4	4	3
GERAKAN	5	8	2
PPP	1	4	4
SARAWAK COALITION	-	24	17
SARAW ALLIANCE	16	16	16
OPPOSITION			
DAP	9	46	9
SNAP	-	24	7
PEKEMAS	1	36	6
KITA	-	4	3
INDEPENDENTS	-	38	1

(NOTE: FULL RESULTS IN SARAWAK WILL NOT BE KNOWN FOR ANOTHER WEEK)

5. TABULATIONS FOR STATE ASSEMBLIES IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

STATE	NATIONAL FRONT	DAP	PEKEMAS	INDEPENDENT
PERLIS	12	0	0	0
KEDAH	24	1	0	1
PENANG	23	2	1	1
PERAK	31	11	0	0
SELANGOR	30	1	0	2
N. SEMBILAN	21	3	0	0

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MAIACCA	16	4	0	0
JOHORE	31	1	0	0
PAHANG	32	0	0	0
TERENGGANU	27	0	0	1
KEIANTAN	36	0	0	0

7. COMMENT: EXTENT OF NATIONAL FRONT SWEEP WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING IN VIEW OF STRONG CHALLENGES IN SEVERAL AREAS, PARTICULARLY IN NON-MALAY MAJORITY STATES OF PENANG AND PERAK AND IN EAST COAST STATES WHERE PMIP AND MUSLIM INDEPENDENTS REPUTEDLY HAD GRASSROOTS SUPPORT. TOTAL TURNOUT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA WAS 64.5 PERCENT, LESS THAN 1969 TURNOUT OF 73.8 PERCENT, BUT NEVERTHELESS A RESPECTABLE SHOWING. IN POST-ELECTION PERIOD, THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE SOME REALIGNMENTS AMONG PARTIES, BOTH WITHIN NATIONAL FRONT TO ACCOUNT FOR PPP'S DEBACLE IN PERAK AND AMONG OPPOSITION WHERE DEFEAT OF NATIONALLY-KNOWN PEKEMAS LEADERS SOUNDS DEATH KNELL FOR PARTY. IN TV APPEARANCE EARLY MORNING AUG 25, PRIME MINISTER RAZAK SAID NEW CABINET WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN EARLY SEPT AFTER ALL RETURNS FROM SARAWAK ARE IN. SOME CHANGES IN CABINET, REFLECTING RELATIVE STRENGTHS OF NATIONAL FRONT PARTIES, ARE TO BE EXPECTED BUT RAZAK'S UMNO TEAM WILL CONTINUE TO FORM CORE OF NATIONAL GOVT. ALSO, STRENGTH OF NATIONAL FRONT VICTORY CONSIDERABLY DIMINISHES RISK OF DISTURBANCES IN POST-ELECTION PERIOD, AS OPPOSITION VICTORIES IN LARGE PART ACCOUNTED FOR HEIGHTENING OF RACIAL TENSION IN 1969.

8. TABULATION OF ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE POUCHED FA/IMS ON AUG 27. FULL ANALYSIS WILL BE SUBMITTED BY AIRGRAM.  
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